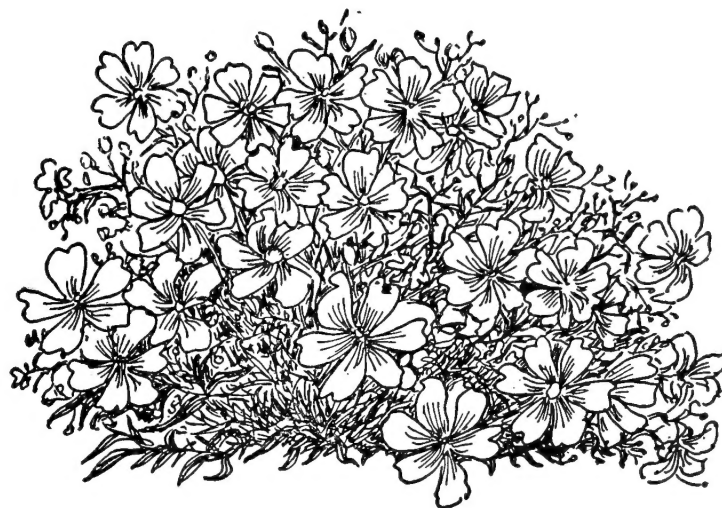
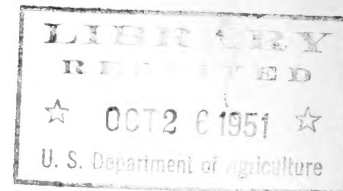


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White Flower Farm

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About Mrs. Richards

WHITE FLOWER FARM's advertising usually addresses a Mrs. Richards and we have been asked who this lady is and where she lives. Mrs. Richards, a fine gardening girl (though a figment of imagination), resembles no one gardener—and all good gardeners. She chooses well, spends wisely and considers the outside of her house as important as the inside. When she splurges inside with a new rug, chair or what not, she invariably evens things up outside by planting some rare specimen she's wanted for a long time.

She has a successful lot of a husband, who spends all his spare time in the basement turning out abominations of furniture which she is forced to admire and use. This problem she solves by giving them to admiring members of his family who hope they are in his will. We think, though, that he may turn out to be a pretty good fellow after all—this spring he bought a couple of dozen roses (she's a perennial and flowering-shrub gardener) and when the Jap beetles started to work on them he came running to The Farm for a remedy. He said no (obscenity) Jap beetle was going to get his roses, and we warmed to him a bit even though we couldn't tell what his motives were. Was he simply out after Jap beetles that bothered him or out after them because they bothered the roses?

You'll find these letters to Mrs. Richards cover lots of subjects. We told Mrs. Richards about the new building at our Sales Center and about our usual difficulties building buildings. Parts arrived late and some didn't arrive at all. It's finished and you and Mrs. Richards are invited to look it over.

She wasn't told, but now we tell her about the selections of Daffodils, Tulips, Lilies and other flowering bulbs in this issue. It isn't the largest selection of bulbs, but in keeping with White Flower Farm's basic policy, it offers the finest of the new, popularly-priced material. For the first time (we know of no other, anyway) you can get a

collection of six white Daffodils, truly remarkable and little known in this country. There are eight pink trumpet Daffodils, all of the new John Evelyn hybrids, the best of Jan de Graaff's new lilies, and Grullemans' (of Holland) remarkable giant hybrid Amaryllis. The tulip list covers the whole range and to help Mrs. R. with color selections we've grouped the Darwins by shadings.

She knows about our small but distinguished selection of flowering shrubs and small flowering trees. In fact she has some White Flower Farm Lilacs—the new French hybrids with substance and colors that surprise even lilacs. Fact is, this shrub list represents the best and hardiest varieties that we could find in the U.S., France, Holland, England and Japan. They aren't terribly cheap but they are not awfully expensive either. They are simply priced in relationship to size and rarity, and what earthly difference does two or three dollars make in an investment that will be around for 15 to 25 years or more?

Mrs. Richards knows that White Flower Farm will not sell roses in the fall. The reason is easy enough—it's not a good idea in this climate to plant roses in the autumn. The things must be kept dormant and invariably we get a week of Indian summer in late November. This, to a rose planted November 10th, is anathema, and, anyway, it's no way to treat a rose.

ONE THING that's bothered Mrs. Richards and us for a long time is the lag between seeing a certain plant in bloom and the time it can be safely moved. An iris in bloom in June can't be moved until August, and when it's ready to move, bare-root, it takes at least two seasons to establish it. Peonies are worse—they're June bloomers which can't be dug until after frost and the three to five-eye roots usually delivered sometimes don't bloom for three to five years. Other plants, like Gypsophila and Lupine, usually must be transplanted from three-inch pots and they have an Old Nick's time getting started in the

border. So it would be just wonderful to move a mature plant, in bloom—then you'd know the color was right and the plant big enough to compete with already established plants.

Well, sir, you can do just that now.

We are growing specimens of practically everything in their own ample tarpaper pots. They have tremendously strong root balls and a peony, iris, shrub or even a small flowering tree can be whipped away from The Farm and planted anywhere and never know it's been moved. This growing system is called "Easimove." Of course, these plants cannot be shipped and are available only at the Sales Center, on Route 63, three and one-half miles south of Litchfield Village.

WE'D LIKE to tell Mrs. Richards and you now that The Farm is deeply indebted to Nils Hogner, a fine muralist and artist residing in Litchfield, for the delicate flower drawings that illustrate this catalogue. A Hogner mural can be seen in the entrance to one of Litchfield's banks and they are treasures in the homes of many Eastern families. She, of course, knows of the beauties of Litchfield Village, a New England gem which should be preserved forever.

Now if there is anything else you'd like to know about Mrs. Richards (or White Flower Farm) we'd be delighted to tell you.

The Partners of White Flower Farm.



Flower Shows At The Farm

Roses—Many hundreds in flower during late June to mid-July.

Daffodils—Substantial plantings of all varieties can be found in the borders north and south of The Sales Center. These borders also contain specimen plantings of all the tulips. These are in bloom from earliest spring to mid-June.

Iris—German iris can be seen in massed field plantings in mid-June.

Japanese Iris—These are best in July.

Peonies—Mass field plantings are in bloom in June.

Delphinium—Field plantings are spectacular during mid-June and early July.

Lilies—Specimen planting in The Sales Center area where varieties can be found blooming from June until mid-September.

Chrysanthemums—This big show (about 10,000 plants) starts in mid-September and is at its height during October.

Flowering Trees & Shrubs—Earliest spring through September.

MAYBE WE CAN HELP...

Even experienced gardeners like to have help planning new shrub or flower gardens. We are glad to offer our help if you will be patient and let us do the planning in off-seasons. You will, of course, have to supply us with exact dimensions, exposures, shade problems, etc. These layouts will represent an ultimate planting. In no instance should you implement the whole scheme. The reasons: 1) gardens should

grow, not be built overnight, and 2) it would be too expensive — budget liberally over the years, not for a season. However, any garden needs an objective and that's what we supply. It will be a better one if you don't follow these plans exactly — shift them to your own ideas. Then it will be your garden and all we will have done is to have helped, which is all White Flower Farm should do.

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The Daffodil Collection

Here are 52 narcissi, the cream of the new imported hybrids. All eleven of this great family of bulbs are represented, including the tiny species narcissi which are ideal for the rockery. Plant six or a dozen of a variety in a 12-inch circle, locate them toward mid-front in the perennial border or spot the groups at the edge of shrubs. Put them in north, east, west and south exposures to have a long succession of bloom in the spring. Practically all of these varieties make perfect cut flowers.

Daffodils are easily grown and require no care. Once planted they bloom sturdily year after year. In from 5 to 10 years they will increase five to ten fold or more and may require thinning. Plant them from 10 to 12 inches deep in reasonably good garden soil, enriched perhaps with a handful of bone-meal to each group of six bulbs. Cut all the flowers you want but be sure to let the tops die back before removing. Put them in the ground as soon as received.

THE WHITE COLLECTION

This is the first collection of White Daffodils that has ever been offered. At least, we don't know of another. Descriptions do not do justice to the flowers because there are so few modifying adjectives for the word "white"—like black, no two whites are alike, either.

Few people are acquainted with white daffodils—when they see ours in bloom their eyes pop. This is as it should be for there is nothing quite like them. These varieties are all strong, tall and free-flowering. We advise planting in solid banks for the best effect—between colored varieties.

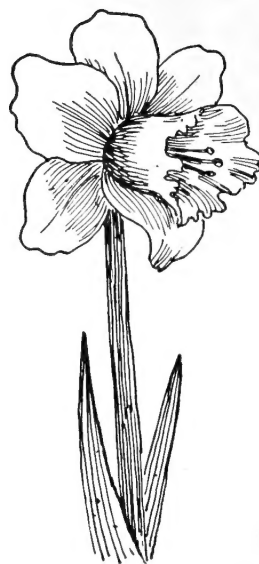
Beersheba Each 60c; Six \$3.00; Doz. \$5.75

This was one of the first white daffodils offered. It is huge and reliable—a heavy propagator. Opens with a yellow tint that turns white in the garden. Cut, when first opening, it turns alabaster in a few hours.

Imperator Each 50c; Six \$2.75; Doz. \$5.00
A large pure white trumpet.

Mrs. E. H. Krelage Each 50c; Six \$2.75; Doz. \$5.00
A strong white free-flowering trumpet.

Mount Hood (new) Each 70c; Six \$3.75; Doz. \$7.00
Pure white of great size. (In short supply.)



Romaine Each 65c; Six \$3.50; Doz. \$6.50
A large cream-white.

Roxane Each 40c; Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00
The trumpet is nearly cream-colored, the petals pure white.

Collections of White Trumpet Daffodils

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| 1 each of the entire collection | 3.25 |
| 3 each of the entire collection | 9.25 |
| 6 each of the entire collection | 17.95 |
| 12 each of the entire collection | 32.95 |

CYCLAMINEUS HYBRIDS

This group is kin to Triandrus, but single-flowered. The petals are reflexed like a Cyclamen and they are very early flowering. They have been neglected in this country. Here is one, and if White Flower Farm followers don't take to it we will have an excellent excuse to plant them all in our own gardens.

February Gold Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.75

The petals (golden yellow) curve back beautifully and the strong, heavily frilled trumpet is the color of the gold in your grandmother's jewelry.

NEW PINK TRUMPETS

There are thirteen varieties in this group and the eight offered here represent a distillation of the best. The original pink daffodil, Mrs. R. O. Backhouse, is not offered. It has been so much improved upon that it is ordinary in everything but price. All of this group should be planted in partial shade. When the flower first opens, no pink or apricot-pinks are discernible. So don't call us until you've waited a day—pink shadings will be apparent the very next morning. The supply of these eight varieties is limited so please order early.

Antibes Each 60c; Six \$3.00; Doz. \$5.75

Pure white substantial petals. Trumpet turns to soft pink from first shadings of pale apricot and soft orange. It is the latest of the pinks to flower.

Champagne Each \$1.00; Six \$5.75; Doz. \$11.00

Petals pure white. The large trumpet is a pale cream pink, with a broad apricot-ruffled edge. At full bloom color turns to salmon-pink. Early.

Lady Bird Each \$1.00; Six \$5.75; Doz. \$11.00

Petals white. Large trumpet is distinctly pink and flaring. A heavy flower on a strong stem.

Mentone Each 75c; Six \$4.00; Doz. \$7.50

White petals. Trumpet fringed. Turns to nearly pure pink after passing through stages of tangerine and apricot.

Pink Fancy Each 35c; Six \$1.80; Doz. \$3.10

Petals white. Pale apricot cup, broadly fringed with pink. This is free flowering and a heavy propagator, which is the reason it can be offered at this price.

Pink Glory Each \$1.10; Six \$6.25; Doz. \$11.75

Graceful, loose white petals. Long trumpet opening light Indian yellow, shading fully to pink. This orchid-like flower is a collector's item.

Pink Rim Each 75c; Six \$4.00; Doz. \$7.50

Trim white petals. Very distinct in its trumpet markings with the fringed edge of the cup a deeper pink than the body of the trumpet.

Siam Each 65c; Six \$3.50; Doz. \$6.50

This variety, with white petals and flaring pink trumpet, is the largest flower in the collection.

Collections of Pink Daffodils

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| 1 each of the eight listed varieties | 5.75 |
| 3 each of the eight listed varieties | 16.25 |
| 6 each of the eight listed varieties | 29.95 |
| 12 each of the eight listed varieties | 57.50 |

INCOMPARABILIS OR SHORTCUP DAFFODILS

The John Evelyn Hybrid Collection

Every one of these charming flowers is new and each has its own unusual color and form. None look alike. Each multiplies rapidly and none have to be transplanted to maintain free and large blooms.

Brookville (new) Each 45c; Six \$2.35; Doz. \$4.10

A short heavily ruffled cup of pale lemon yellow; heavy, broad white petals.

Duke of Windsor (new) Each 60c; Six \$3.00; Doz. \$5.75

Thick white overlapping petals, cup of pale yellow, very flaring, ruffled and short.

Green Emerald (new) Each 40c; Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00

This flower has a greenish yellow overcast of various shades and intensities. Despite this its petals are towards the white, its cup toward a unique lemon yellow.

Lemon Cup (first time offered) Each 45c; Six \$2.50; Doz. \$4.50

This is one of the famous "Weatherproof" series. The petals are broad and soft cream-white; the strongly ruffled flat and flaring crown is very large and of buttercup yellow inside, broadly edged pale yellow. It is tall, strong, early and free flowering.

Leviathan (new) Each 40c; Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00

Creamy white petals curve back slightly; the cup, ruffled, flaring and large, is close to golden yellow.

Majarda (new) Each 40c; Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00

Clean white petals and an unusual yellow flaring short cup. Tall grower and excellent cut flower.

Mekkeda (new) Each 45c; Six \$2.50; Doz. \$4.50

Large pale yellow petals with wide cup of deep orange. Heavy propagator.

Collections of John Evelyn Hybrids

1 each of the seven varieties **\$3.25**

3 each of the seven varieties **9.00**

Other New Shortcup Daffodils

Selma Lagerlof (new) Each 45c; Six \$2.35

Large pure white overlapping petals. Cup is flaring and ruffled, soft yellow inside, the wide rim is orange shading to red at the edge.

Bond Street (new) Each 65c; Six \$3.50

Heavy petals are soft yellow; big ruffled flaring cup, the edges in shades of deep orange with faint golden yellow markings. (Supply very limited.)



Carbineer (new) Each 70c; Six \$3.75

Both petals and cup are the same color of deepest tangerine-orange-yellow, an appalling strain on your imagination, we know, but after you've seen it try to describe it yourself.

La Argentina (new) Each 60c; Six \$3.00

Large and broad white petals. The body of the cup is white but is filled with radiations of blending yellow and orange. Unusual and scarce.

Mrs. Margaret Erskine (new) Each 50c; Six \$2.75

Petals pale yellow and overlapping. Cup is deep yellow frilled and wide at the mouth. Exquisitely proportioned.

Red Marley (new) Each 95c; Six \$5.50

This flower has brilliant tints unusual in daffodils. Petals are deep golden yellow. The cup is long and tinted copper-red. It multiplies freely. Supply limited.

Reginald Dixon (new) Each 45c; Six \$2.50

Petals are soft pale yellow. The cup, somewhat flaring, is the same soft yellow, delicately edged with orange.

Scarlet Elegance Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25

Scarlet Elegance is not brand new like most of these shortcups and you may have seen it. We included it for personal reasons—we like it. It's big and tough in wind, rain or sun; it's large with pleasant deep yellow petals and the cup, as you would suspect from the name, is a brilliant orange-scarlet.

Zarah Leander (new) Each 85c; Six \$4.75; Doz. 9.25

Canary-yellow petals surrounding a large frilled and crimped cup which is deep gold-yellow with a suggestion of orange on the edge. This is one of the finest of the new daffodils but unfortunately it is in very short supply and will be for several years.

POETAZ NARCISSI

These remarkable hybrids are sweet-scented. They are distinguished from other narcissi by their form—three to five large, perfectly formed flowers on one strong stem. They respond easily to indoor culture. There have been no recent introductions. These are the best ones we have grown in this group.

Cheerfulness Six \$1.10; Doz. \$1.75; 25 \$3.25

Never was a flower better named. Clusters of showy double white flowers on exceedingly strong stems. When Cheerfulness first opens there is a suggestion of yellow in the center which soon fades. It is a late season bloomer; a heavy multiplier.

Early Perfection Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Creamy white petals with lemon-yellow cups.

Helios Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

The creamy-white petals, slightly crinkled, have a translucent quality. Crowns are canary-yellow. There are as many as six flowers on a stem.

L'Innocence Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.35

Petals are pure white; cups are a subdued orange with yellow centers.

Orange Prince Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Petals are a rich yellow with a darker, somewhat orange cup.

DOUBLE DAFFODILS

Only one of these varieties is new; the rest are fine and reliable. They have great charm. Plant them in groups by themselves.

Albus Plenus Odoratus Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15

One of the few daffodils requiring special care but well worth it. It is pure white, remarkably fragrant and very late. Plant it in shade and when it is in bud, water frequently to keep the buds from drying out.

Daphne Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25

Sweet-scented, dainty, pure white and extremely early.

Holland's Glory Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25

A soft, sulphur-yellow double trumpet. It's a free bloomer, multiplies like a rabbit, will prosper anywhere.

Mary Copeland Each 40c; Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00

This new double is a beauty and neither words nor color reproductions do it justice. Its longer petals are cream-white with a blending golden ray down the center. The shorter petals are a mixture of lemon and orange. These four tones are harmonious and we suggest planting in groups. Mary Copeland cuts well, too.

SELECTED TRUMPET DAFFODILS

These have been chosen for depth and stamina of color in sunlight, for length and strength of stem and for good propagating habits.

Aerolite Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.30

A tremendous but graceful flower. Petals are deep primrose, the trumpet a medium yellow. Blooms early but stays long in the garden or bowl.

Insurpassable (new) Each 45c; Six \$2.35; Doz. \$4.10

Extremely large golden (not yellow) flower.

Lord Wellington Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.60

Large yellow petals, golden yellow trumpet. This is an outstanding flower in its color class.

Rembrandt (new) Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.60

A pale yellow flower of remarkable form and vigor.

JONQUILLA HYBRIDS

These are unusual in that each has two or more small, very fragrant flowers which are almost impervious to weather. They make excellent cut flowers. Plant them in groups in the rock garden or in front of the border.

Campernelle, Double Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00

Two or three small, golden-yellow flowers on strong stems. Fragrant. About 14 inches high. Excellent for cutting.

Queen Anne's Daffodil (Jonquilla Simplex) Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85

This is a true and tiny single daffodil. A perfect miniature for the rock garden. Flowers are a pure golden-yellow; foliage is grass-like.

Trevithian (new) Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.30

From 2 to 4 translucent soft yellow flowers on each stem. High winds do not seem to bother it and don't burn or wilt it. Very fragrant. An excellent cut flower.

TRIANDRUS HYBRIDS

These are the so-called cyclamen-flowered daffodils with reflexing petals. The cups are strong and frilled. The flowers droop gracefully from strong stems. As a group it's been neglected by gardeners in America for years—which is unfortunate for American gardeners. We offer only one variety but will supply descriptions of T. Albus, Moonshine, Pearly Queen, Pulchellus and Shot Silk to those interested in Triandrus next fall.

Thalia Each 35c; Six \$2.15; Doz. \$3.75

Star-shaped, pure white flowers (two to four) on strong, reed-like stems. Particularly good for artistic arrangements. Height: about 20 inches.

THE LITTLE DAFFODILS (Narcissi Species)

These miniatures are for the rockery, and, when established, should be left undisturbed for years. They are early bloomers. We will supply a long list of species narcissi to those who are fanciers.

Bulbocodium citrinus Six \$1.80; Doz. \$3.10

Large, hoop-petticoat shaped flowers of pale citron yellow. Height: 6-8 inches. This variety likes moisture and should be planted at the foot of the rockery.

Bulbocodium Conspicuous Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25

Same form of flower as above but of rich gold color. Height: 6 inches. It, too, likes moisture.

Triandrus Albus Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.75

Albus produces a cluster of creamy white flowers having a globular cup and reflexing petals. Height: 6-8 inches. This variety (it is also called Angel's Tears) needs partial shade—a light, sandy soil and a well-drained location.

LEEDSI & BARRI VARIETIES

There are many varieties in these groups but we have listed only three, each of them new.

Aranjuez (new) Each 35c; Six \$1.90; Doz. \$3.25

Large flowered. Petals are pale yellow and strong. The cup of the same color is smooth, straight and large. The rim is tinted orange.

Kansas (new) Each 35c; Six \$1.90; Doz. \$3.25

Petals pure white. The crown is lemon-yellow with a cinnamon rim. It does not burn.

Special Daffodil Mixture

Herewith a mixture of seven excellent varieties—Martha Washington, Mangosteen, Adventure, Astarte, Muriel, Actaea and Dick Wellband—covering most of the groups. These are large, round bulbs.

25 Bulbs, as described \$3.75

50 Bulbs, as described 7.00

100 Bulbs, as described 13.00

250 Bulbs, as described 30.00

DUTCH IRIS

This bulbous strain of Iris is normally hardy, showy and makes the best cut flower of any of the Irises. Plant in strong groups. Protect in very cold climates.

Blue Horizon Doz. 80c, 25 \$1.25

Soft, uniform violet-blue with narrow yellow stripe on the falls.

Gerrit Von Hees Six 80c, Doz. \$1.25, 25 \$2.10

A tall, rugged light blue.

Imperator Doz. 80c, 25 \$1.25

Heavier blue, late and strong-growing.

National Velet Six 95c, Doz. \$1.50

Rich, deep velvety-purple with a rich orange stripe on the falls.

Sutter's Gold Six 80c, Doz. \$1.35, 25 \$2.10

The best golden-yellow. A large, tall plant.

Therese Schwartz Six \$1.25, Doz. \$2.10

Standards are soft lilac; falls creamy white.

White Perfection Six \$1.25, Doz. \$2.10

The very best white.

SCILLA CAMPANULATA

(Wood Hyacinth or Scotch Blue Bells)

These are all novelties and greatly improved over the commoner forms. They thrive under fir or pine trees which means that you can grow them anywhere. It's another lifetime plant. They make wonderful cut flowers. Our supply is limited; order early.

Beauty Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

Large bright rose blooms.

Blue Giant Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

Dark blue.

Blue Pearl Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

Pale blue, extra large.

Dainty Maid Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

A dark pink.

Duchess of Westminster Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

A tall lilac-violet.

General de Wet Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

Delicate pink, strong and free-flowering.

White Triumphator Six 70c; Doz. \$1.25

A giant white of unusual substance.

Recipe for "Chive Bread"

Chop chives fine; add to melted butter and brush both sides of thinly-sliced bread with it. Wrap in oven paper, bake at 450° for 15 minutes. Serve immediately. (See Page 14 for other herb uses.)



The Lily Collection

Lilies are indispensable to the garden and these are the ones which are hardiest and easiest grown. Many bloom in July and August, a boon to the border at that poor period of bloom. There are two general rules about growing lilies. The first: get them in the ground immediately. We deliver them in top condition—moist and healthy. Plant the day you receive them. The second rule: plant them on their sides in well-drained locations. If there is any doubt about drainage put a four-inch layer of coarse sand or fine gravel underneath them. Proper planting depth is important. We offer only the smaller sized bulbs because large ones travel badly, dry out quickly, suffer too much shock from moving and do not establish as quickly.

Lilium Amabile Luteum Each 90c; Three \$2.50

The loveliest yellow-flowered lily. Does well in full sun, stands considerable drought. Plant 5 inches in porous soils, shallower in clay. 4 to 5 inch bulbs.

L. Amatum Platyphyllum Each \$1.00; Three \$2.75

The golden-rayed lily of Japan. It has great, fragrant, waxy-white blooms, golden-streaked and sometimes crimson spotted. Needs full sun and a rich, well-drained soil. Flowers in August and September. Plant 5-7 inches deep. 4 to 5 inch bulbs.

L. Candidum "Cascade Strain" Each 80c

This is the Madonna Lily in modern dress. It is pure white, June-flowering. Plant in the fall. Must not be planted over an inch deep; needs drainage. 6 to 7 inch bulbs.

L. Centifolium "Olympic Hybrids" Each 45c, Three \$1.25

The great trumpets flower in July on stems 5 to 7 feet tall. They do well in sun or light shade. Colors run from pure white to deep ivory with soft green or greenish brown or wine tints on the exterior of each bloom. Plant 5 to 7 inches deep and leave undisturbed for years. 6 to 7 inch bulbs.

Lilium Speciosum Album Each \$1.35; Three \$3.75

This is one of the loveliest cut flowers. It is pure white with radically recurved petals on curving stems. It needs a well-drained soil and some shade during the hottest part of the day. Plant 6 inches deep; 6 to 7 inch bulbs.

L. Speciosum Rubrum Each 95c; Three \$2.75

Called "Red Champion" since it has been improved. The blooms, like Speciosum Album in shape, are delightful shades of pink to blending reds. Plant 6 inches deep; 6 to 7 inch bulbs.

THE MID-CENTURY HYBRIDS

An entirely new group of hybrids developed by Jan de Graaff, the famous Oregon originator. They grow about two to four feet high, are tough in any climate, should be planted about 5-6 inches deep and be in well-drained soil. Neither descriptions nor pictures do them justice—we urge trying them.

In These the Blooms Face Outward

Fireflame Each \$1.30; Three \$3.50

Large rich Indian-red with recurved petals. Blooms on 2-foot stems.

Parade Each \$2.00; Three \$5.50

Rich golden-yellow with burnished gold mid-rib on each flower. Height: 2 feet.

Vagabond Each \$1.60; Three \$4.50

Soft apricot with a pink sheen. Stands 3 feet with as many as fifteen blooms on a stem.

Valencia Each \$1.00; Three \$2.75

Rich golden flowers on 3-foot stems with a mid-rib of bronze and minute maroon dots. Late June.

In These the Blooms Face Upward

Bonanza Each \$1.00; Three \$2.75

Clear orange-yellow flowers on 3 to 4 foot stems, in early July.

Enchantment (Patent No. 862) Each \$1.50; Three \$4.00

de Graaf describes this as the best hardy lily he has ever developed and others say it is the best lily origination of the century. We subscribe to both these remarks. Enchantment is a vibrant nasturtium-red with flowers lasting for weeks. Blooms late June or July on 4-foot stems.

GALANTHUS (Snow-drops)

These charming white early-spring plants like a moist, cool soil. They do well in shade—under bushes, trees or along woodland paths. To get the desired effect plant about 3 inches apart in groups of six or twelve. They remain a lifetime.

Nivalis Maximus Six \$1.15; Doz. \$1.90

Very large flowered.

Nivalis Simplex Six 65c; Doz. \$1.10

Medium flowered.

AMARYLLIS HYBRIDS

These giant flowering hybrids will bloom for the rank amateur. They can be grown either in the house or garden, but they are not hardy in our climate and if grown outdoors have to be dug before frost. Planted in a pot in winter they will bloom within six to eight weeks. (By keeping part of the bulbs dormant you can have a succession of bloom throughout the winter.) Plant them outdoors in March, April or May and they will bloom in July and August. Outdoor culture is easier than growing gladiolus. We can supply them from November through May but order early as the supply is limited.

MAMMOTH DUTCH HYBRIDS

Four to six tremendous blooms on a vigorous stem. Top size bulbs only.

Pink and Rose Shades Each \$2.50

Dark Red Shades Each \$2.50

Salmon-Pink with White Stripes Each \$2.50

Violet and Violet-Rose Tints Each \$2.50

Pure White Each \$3.50

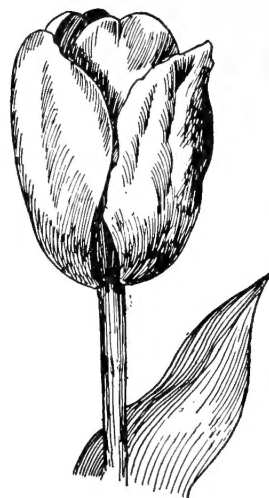


The Tulip Collection

Many of the following 72 varieties of Tulips (all of those marked new) were introduced shortly after the war. After undergoing considerable testing here privately they have more than proved themselves adaptable in this climate. In vigor, quality of bloom, in staying power in the garden or bowl—they are in every way superior to pre-war varieties. They are also quite reasonable.

This is a remarkable family of bulbs with a wide range of form. They run from the huge Darwins to the more delicate Cottage type, to the exquisitely shaped Lily-flowering kind, to the flamboyant Peony and Parrot types. Each is useful, each type should be represented in clumps about a garden.

The Breeder, Darwin and Ideal Darwins follow immediately. They have been separated into general color groups to assist you in selecting and blending them. This was no simple chore and we trust you appreciate it.



The Whites

- Annie Speelman** Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65
A pure white having translucent qualities—base and anthers also white. Lasts two to three weeks in the garden. Excellent cut flower. Height: 30 inches.
- Glacier** Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00
Also a giant white, including base and anthers. Height: 30 inches.

The Red Tones

- Arabian Night (new)** Six \$1.75; Doz. \$3.00; 25 \$5.50
A most unusual Indian red with an even darker overcast. There is not a variety like it. Height: 28 inches.
- Chinese Bandit (new)** Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00
A Chinese red with a considerable shading of warm orange. Inside base is yellow. It has an immense flower which lasts a long time in the garden. Height: 25 inches.
- Conan Doyle (new)** Six \$1.60; Doz. \$2.95; 25 \$5.35
A brilliant cardinal-red. Base of bloom is black, surrounded with a white rim. Height: 28 inches.
- Crimson Giant (new)** Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.35
An immense flower of deep crimson-red. Height: 30 inches.
- Gloria Swanson** Six 90c; Doz. \$1.50; 25 \$2.75
A giant-flowered crimson-red tulip with a bluish base. Height: 32 inches.

Morocco Beauty

Six \$1.45; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.50

Clear Moroccan-red; interior a dark reddish mahogany. Yellowish base. Height: 26 inches.

Olson's Favorite (new)

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Chinese red to flame red; tones outside are somewhat darker. Margins of petals have orange overtones. Height: 27 inches.

Roman Eagle (new)

Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65

Rich dark red with a high sheen—almost looks as if it had been polished. Blooms late. Height: 30 inches.

The Yellow Tones

Dixie Sunshine (new)

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Outside is soft yellowish tan with pale lilac shading. Inside is of palest yellow to buff-yellow at edges. Height: 28 inches.

Garden Magic (new)

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

The nearest to a clear yellow tulip that we know about. Now for what is apparently a contradiction—the outside has a slight flush of purple and anthers are pitch-black. However, as stated before, this is a yellow tulip. Height: 29 inches.

Helen Gahagan

Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Outside is sulphur-yellow, inside is dark lemon-yellow with yellow anthers. It fades after a while to creamy white. Height: 30 inches.

Niphetos

Six \$1.00; Doz. \$1.55; 25 \$2.90

Soft yellow with even lighter yellow base and anthers. It lasts a long time in the garden or as a cut flower. Height: 29 inches.

Treasure Island (new)

Six \$2.40; Doz. \$4.25; 25 \$7.75

A rare and scarce tulip. The three outside petals are silvery yellow deepening to primrose. The three inside are a shiny deep yellow. Colors do not fade. Height: 30 inches.

Pink and Rose Tones

Caroline Testout

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

A soft pure, glistening pink having a white base. This is a show flower in its class. Height: 30 inches.

Deborah (new)

Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65

Soft and shading tones of pink. Inside more pronounced pink tones. The center is blue. Height: 27 inches.

Denver

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Immense bloom of soft rose with a violet overcast. Height: 33 inches.

Kathryn Truxton (new)

Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.10; 25 \$3.00

Smoky-rose with a soft copper-yellow edging. Inside is pinkish-lavender with a light copper shading. Height: 28 inches.

Mavourneen

Six \$1.10; Doz. \$1.75; 25 \$3.15

Pink with lavender tones. The base is nearly blue. Height: 30 inches.

Pride of Zwanenberg

Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Not new but certainly the best solid rose-colored tulip yet bred. Immense flowers. Height: 32 inches.

William Tell (new)

Six \$1.45; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.50

It's a nearly uniform raspberry-rose, slightly paler at the edge. Rich rose-pink inside. Center is white with black anthers. Height: 26 inches.

Blue to Purple Tones

Cum Laude (new)

Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Violet-blue with a decided blue overcast, the edges toned lighter. The overall effect from a short distance is that Cum Laude is the bluest of blues. Height: 28 inches.

Elisa Landi (new)

Six \$1.75; Doz. \$3.00; 25 \$5.50

Outside petals are Bishop-purple, slightly lighter at edges. Inside is a rich purple with a pure white center. Height: 29 inches.

Kennard (new)

Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Dark plum-color inside and out. Height: 27 inches.

Mark Anthony (new)

Six \$2.15; Doz. \$3.75; 25 \$6.75

Wine purple inside and out, anthers are black. Height: 30 inches.

Lilac-Violet Tones

Clematis (new) Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

A rosy-lilac with a pure white base. Colors are clean and clear. Height: 27 inches.

Drammen (new) Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Soft rosy violet. This is a rare coloring and could have been placed in the pink to rose classification. Height: 27 inches.

Hummingbird Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

This is a pure violet of great substance. Height: 30 inches.

Insurpassable Six \$1.10; Doz. \$1.75; 25 \$3.15

A mammoth lilac and that is all you need to know except that the height is 28 inches.

Chamois to Brown Tones

Don Alma (new) Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

A quiet golden brown with lavender shadings. The edges have a narrow margin of tan. Inside is coffee brown with soft buff shadings. Height: 27 inches.

Mahogany Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65

This is a rare color of deep mahogany with an even darker base. Needs to be planted with pure white or yellow companions. Height: 29 inches.

COTTAGE TULIPS

These come into bloom in early May. They are a robust, hardy group. Their shades are generally delicate and they are probably the best of all tulips for cutting. There are many varieties. These, we think, are the most representative.

Advance Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.35

This hybrid is one of the finest reds. Height: 24 inches.

Cote d'Ivoire (new) Six \$1.45; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.50

Soft amber-white on the outside, a pure pale yellow inside with deep yellow anthers. Height: 26 inches.

Gen. de la Rey (new) Six \$1.60; Doz. \$2.95; 25 \$5.35

A large salmon flower shaded lilac-rose and buff. It has a distinct orange center and a cream-white base. Height: 26 inches.

Ivory Glory Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65

A huge egg-shaped flower—clear ivory-white and a white center.

Persian Beauty Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Luminous colorings of deep pink, light Jasper-red with topaz lights turning to amber at the edges. Height: 32 inches.

Rosy Wings (new)

Six \$1.60; Doz. \$2.95; 25 \$5.35

This is a fine and delicate pink with a Forget-me-not blue base. Its long, 5-inch buds open fully in sunlight. It is earlier than most of the Cottage group but Rosy Wings will last as long as others do. Awarded A.A. by The New York Tulip Society in their 1951 trials. Height: 25 inches.

Sulphur Pearl

Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Sulphur-yellow that does not fade or spot. Height: 30 inches.



LILY-FLOWERING TULIPS

They bloom at the same time as Cottage Tulips and are botanically a member of that group. Their petals curve delicately and the flower is unsurpassed for cutting.

Fascinating Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.35

Exterior of bright sulphur yellow; interior of dark lemon-yellow. Height: 26 inches.

Golden Duchess Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Golden-yellow. Height: 23 inches.

White Cross Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.25

Snow-white with white anthers.

MULTI-FLOWERING TULIPS

These branch from a main stem and each produces from three to eight flowers. All are of good size. Gracefully spaced. They afford an unusual mass of color.

Rose Mist Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Pink, with five to six flowers open at one time. Height: 26 inches.

Wallflower Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Shiny red with clear yellow interior. Five or more flowers to a stem. Height: 27 inches.

SPECIES TULIPS

Species Tulips are those which grow wild in different parts of the world. Most of them come from Southern Europe and Asia and all do best in dry, sunny locations. They make excellent rock garden plants. It is gratifying that American gardeners have begun to appreciate these wild and beautiful things.

Clusiana Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Small flower on 14-inch stem. It is white inside. The exterior is crimson with a dark blue base. Good cut flower.

Eichleri Six 80c; Doz. \$1.40; 25 \$2.60

Large crimson-scarlet flowers with yellow and black centers. Height: 12 inches.

Fosteriana Red Emperor Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00

Large rounded vermilion petals with black and yellow bordered base. Height: 18 inches.

Kaufmanniana Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

Called the water-lily tulip because it is white, yellow and pink outside. The earliest of all tulips to flower. Height: 8 inches. Large flower.

Praestans Six \$1.10; Doz. \$1.75; 25 \$3.15

Several scarlet flowers on each 10-inch stem.

Kaufmanniana Hybrid Variations

Caesar Frank Six \$2.25; Doz. \$4.00; 25 \$7.75

Brilliant Turkish red with yellow center.

Glück Six \$1.45; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.50

Large rounded sulphur-yellow flower, center tinted reddish-brown. Outside petals red.

Scarlet Elegance Six \$2.15; Doz. \$3.75; 25 \$6.75

Inside is scarlet; outside a dull, soft red.

Sweelinck Six \$2.40; Doz. \$4.25; 25 \$7.75

Yellow with vari-colored markings at tips of petals.

Mixture Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75

Contains all the above and four other named varieties. All are very early bloomers, far ahead of other tulips.

CHINESE LANTERN TULIPS

This group is called Chinese Lantern because they appear to be lighted from the inside. We have listed one for the fanciers.

Good Gracious Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50

A translucent salmon pink. Height: 25 inches.



PARROT TULIPS

These flamboyant flowers should be planted in groups by themselves for the best effect. They have an orchid-like form and the varieties below are the best and clearest colors. As a cut flower they rate high.

Blue Parrot Six 90c; Doz. \$1.50; 25 \$2.75
Bright violet over-shaded by steel-blue. Strong 30-inch stem.

Fantasy Six \$1.00; Doz. \$1.55; 25 \$2.90
This is a soft rose-pink and the shadings of the cup are of velvet textured rose. Height: 26 inches.

Orange Favorite Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.25
The outside is a glistening deep orange with harmonious rose shadings. Inside is orange-scarlet with a yellow base. Height: 23 inches.

Texas Gold (new) Each \$1.25; Six \$6.50; Doz. \$11.75
This is a sensational new Parrot of clear yellow. The petals are deeply lacerated and the stem is straight and strong. It is far superior to Sunshine. (We could only get a few.) Height: 24 inches.

Therese Six \$1.20; Doz. \$1.85; 25 \$3.35
Cochineal-red with green markings on the outside. Inside is scarlet with a white center tinted blue. Height: 30 inches.

The Black Parrot Each 75c; Six \$3.25; Doz. \$6.25
Purple-black, extremely rare and in very short supply.

PEONY-FLOWERED TULIPS

These are really double-flowered Cottage tulips and bloom at the same time. They need a little shade to protect them from brilliant sun. They can hardly be distinguished from giant peonies and all make excellent cut flowers.

Eros Six \$1.35; Doz. \$2.25; 25 \$4.00
Clear old-rose. Height: 20 inches.

Mount Tacoma Six \$1.30; Doz. \$2.15; 25 \$3.75
A giant double white.

Uncle Tom Six \$1.50; Doz. \$2.50; 25 \$4.65
Dark, glossy red. Height: 22 inches.

SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

This is an excellent and very early group for bedding; use it also for indoor forcing. Height runs from 14-16 inches.

Brilliant Star Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50
Vermilion-scarlet. You can force this easily to flower at Christmas.

Keizerskroon Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50
Crimson-scarlet edged with clear yellow. Easily forced indoors.

Rose Luisante Six \$1.25; Doz. \$2.00; 25 \$3.50
A deep and satisfactory rose-pink.

DUTCH CROCUS

Crocus, practically the first spring flower, can be planted any place except on a lawn requiring early mowing. Excellent planting location is in vinca or pachysandra beds. Crocus multiply amazingly. Only top sized bulbs are listed below.

SPRING-FLOWERING VARIETIES

Spring Storm Doz. \$1.15; 25 \$2.10
A pure white.

Enchantress Doz. 90c; 25 \$1.65
Clear dark porcelain blue.

Giant Yellow Doz. \$1.15; 25 \$2.10
An abundance of golden yellow flowers.

AUTUMN-FLOWERING VARIETIES (Species)

All of the following can be used for indoor culture. Plant in a bowl filled with fiber or soil and they will bloom about two weeks later. Two inches of fiber or soil is enough. They require no drainage. Plant later outside and leave undisturbed. These are really wild flowers and do best when left alone.

Speciosus Doz. 80c; 25 \$1.40
Large, bright blue, veined flowers.

Speciosus Albus Doz. 95c; 25 \$1.70
Large, pure white flowers.

Speciosus Artabir Doz. 95c; 25 \$1.75
Light blue, feathered darker. Large.

Speciosus Cassiope Doz. 95c; 25 \$1.75
Clear aniline blue with a yellow center.

Speciosus Glofosus Doz. 95c; 25 \$1.75
A large very dark blue.

Speciosus Pollux Doz. 95c; 25 \$1.75
Light violet-blue, the outside silvery grey.

Zonatus Doz. 90c; 25 \$1.65
Can be grown in fiber or soil indoors the same as Speciosus. Its rose-lilac flowers with a yellow throat come into bloom a few days later.

About Green Thumbs

There has been a lot of talk over the ages about people with green thumbs. According to the talk, a person with a green thumb can put a stick in the ground and it grows. Fact is this green thumb talk is an old wives' tale.

There is no trick to growing plants. Any garden book brims with advice and so do the Sunday supplements. The danger is that a beginner may get too much advice. So seek little of it; remember that garden soils needn't be perfect (they can be built up), remember about sunlight (most plants require it), about watering (when it's dry) — and care (spray and weed). Don't cultivate too much because it's bad on the plants and your back.

Two partners here never had grown a flower before 1939 but shortly flowers were coming out of their ears. They looked at their thumbs often; never found them green. Quite dirty at times, though.

The Flowering Plants

This is the stuff perennial borders are made of. The word perennial, as applied to flowering plants like these, does not mean forever—it means these plants have a long life. Some, like an established peony, last for 25 years or more; others bloom their heads off for two or three years, get root bound and die. But in between these extremes you get lasting beauty if you pay any attention to a perennial border, and, if it's properly planted, there will be a succession of bloom from early spring to late fall.

For those who prefer a white border we have a white variety of the species if it is available in a sturdy form. The range of colored varieties is tremendous—we have stayed away from only one color, magenta; it goes with nothing including itself.

Soils for perennial plantings should be well drained, rich in phosphate and phosphorus (for root and strong stalk development), moderately rich in nitrogen (you want flowers, not great masses of over-grown green leaves). Our stock is all top-size and absolutely free from disease.

ALYSSUM

(Basket of Gold or Madwort)

Plant in ordinary, well drained soil. Use in groups of three in the rock garden or as border edging. Blooms with tulips.

Saxtile Citrinum Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
Clusters of pale yellow flowers.

Saxtile Compactum Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Ditto, but bright yellow flowers.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

These strains are all hybrids, long-spurred. They make excellent cut flowers, bloom over a period of 4 to 6 weeks beginning in early June. Use ordinary cultural procedures. All columbine are strong field grown clumps.

Chrysantha Silver Queen Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Pure white. Height: 24-30 inches.

Crimson Star Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Long crimson spurs, centers white tinged with red.



Longissima Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Large bright-yellow blossoms with spurs up to 3 inches long. Height: 20-24 inches.

Mrs. Scott Elliott Hybrids Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Colors range through pastel shades of lavender, blue, red, pink, cream, white. Mixed colors only.

ASTERS

(Michaelmas Daisies)

Perennial or hardy asters grow in any soil; stand up under the toughest treatment. They require full sun and lots of water. Plant fall or spring, 2 feet apart. There are scores of varieties; these have the best colors and habits of growth. All are covered with flowers from September to frost.

Harrington's Pink Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A silvery flower, truly pink. Excellent for cutting. Height: 3-4 feet.

Little Red Boy Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Profuse china-rose flowers. Height: 18-24 inches.

Mt. Everest Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
White with small yellow eye. Height: 3-4 feet.

Niobe Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Dwarf (only 6 inches high). Pure white. Compact neat growth.

Plenty Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Delightful semi-double light blue flowers. Height: 3-4 feet.

Victor Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Delightful blue form of Niobe.

CAMPANULA (Bellflower)

A fine group, all in white or blue shades and running from dwarf to 6 feet tall, that goes well in any border. Some bloom continuously from June to October. Culture is not difficult as they need only a moderately rich, well-drained soil. After they are frozen in the first winter it's a good idea to protect them with a light covering of hay or straw to prevent heaving. Uncover early in the spring and afterwards they need little attention.

Carpatica Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
It grows in compact tufts never more than 8 inches high and throws blue blooms vigorously all summer. A perfect edging for the border or rockery.

Carpatica Alba Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50
A pure white form of the above.

Grandis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
For some strange reason, also called Six Hills Giant. It's a 2½-foot grower, with flower stems covered with pale blue flowers that are star-like and saucer-shaped. Likes shade; heavy multiplier; hardy anywhere.

Persicifolia grandiflora alba Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
This is a 2-foot white which goes well with Grandis.

Pyramidalis Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75
Produces 4 to 6 foot spikes covered with blue star-shaped flowers. It blooms all summer and is an excellent companion for Delphinium.

CHRYSANTHEMUM MAXIMUM

(The Shasta Daisy)

Use a good rich soil in full sun. Plant 1 foot apart. Divide root stocks every other year to keep plant compact and flowers large.

Majestic Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00
Immense white flowers, 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Small golden center. Excellent for cutting, blooms June and July. Height: 30 inches.

Mount Shasta

Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00

Pure white and fully double with a high-crested center. Flowers average four inches across and come singly on stiff, 24-inch stems from spring until frost. Fine for cutting.

DELPHINIUM**(Perennial Larkspur)****Pacific Coast Hybrids**

The California hybridizers, Vetterle & Reinelt, have walked away with the delphinium show—no one has come near equalling the spectacular beauty of their Round Table Series. These hybrids are not as long-lived as *Belladonna* and related varieties and many delphinium fanciers treat them as biennials.

They require excellent drainage and a strongly alkaline soil—dry wood ashes worked into the area a few days before planting is best. Do not overfeed. And do not cover in winter—a thin layer of coal ashes will protect the crowns from slugs. Occasional dusting with sulphur controls leaf black spot. All clumps are strongly grown, two-year-old stock. Height: 4 to 7 feet. Protect flowering spikes from wind, or stake. (Maybe you had better stake anyway.) All bloom in late June or early July.

**CHINESE DELPHINIUM**

The miniature or so-called dwarf varieties bloom all summer if cut back. Flowers keep a week in water. Culture: same as for Pacifics. First blooms in late June or early July.

Album Grandiflorum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Pure white. Height: 24 inches.

Azure Fairy Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Soft azure blue. Height: 18 inches.

Blue Mirror Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Bright navy blue. Height: 24 inches.

OTHER DELPHINIUM

These are pretty tough and old favorites. They are mostly single-flowered.

Belladonna Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Light blue. Long-lasting plant. Initial stalk may reach 5 feet; if kept cut it will bloom all summer.

Bellamosa Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A dark blue *Belladonna*.

Blackmore and Langdon Strain Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Mixed shades reaching 5 feet. Long-lasting plant.

Wrexham Strain Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Mixed "Hollyhock" delphinium, tall growing. Plant is long-lasting.

DIANTHUS (Garden Pinks)

Plant in ordinary garden soil which must contain some lime. Excellent rock garden or border plant. Most varieties bloom continuously starting in mid-June.

Allwoodi Mixed Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large single and double flowers. Foliage grey-green forming large mats. Stems 12-15 inches high.

Beatrice Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
This is a pure pink flower with cluster habits. Blooms from June to September.

Her Majesty Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Double. Very large of purest white.

Silvermine Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
An everblooming cluster Garden Pink with pure white flowers. Blooms from June until September.

Tiny Rubies Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Very compact with miniature pink carnation-like flowers on 4 to 6 inch stems. Excellent for rock gardens.

Wallace Red Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Semi-double crimson red flowers on 12-inch stems. Compact. Blooms all summer.

DICENTRA (Bleeding Heart)

A must in every border and they are easily grown. *Dicentra*, you will be glad to know, does best in partial shade. Plant in fall or very early spring.

Exima Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
A delightful dwarf with pink flowers over delicate green foliage. Height: 12 inches.

Exima Sweetheart Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
The same with pure white flowers.

Spectabilis Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$7.50
Old-fashioned and a favorite. It's a fairly tall grower and has long racemes of heart-shaped pink flowers. Plant in clumps about 24 inches apart.

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

They require a rich, light, well-drained soil to survive the winter. Full sun. They bloom profusely all summer and seem to require no water.

Aurea Pura Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large yellow flowers on strong stems. Height: 30 inches.

Burgundy Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Wine red. Flowers 3 inches in diameter.

- Goblin** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Red and yellow bi-color. Compact growing habit.
- Portola Hybrids** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Large flowers; centers dark red. Blends to copper, petals golden tipped.

GYPSOPHILA (Perennial Baby's Breath)

A rugged plant in well-drained soil. Its flowers form a delicate and beautiful veil. Cut flowers make sensational bouquets by themselves; mixed with other flowers they form background clouds of white or pink. They are tap rooted, cannot be moved. We ship them from 3-inch pots. Don't expect much the first season. After that you can't find a more satisfactory border plant or cut flower. They become big plants—most varieties must be kept at least 2 feet apart.

- Bristol Fairy** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Pure white double flowers. Keep one or two in cutting garden for floral arrangements as Bristol blooms repeatedly if kept cut. Height: 3 feet.
- Flamingo** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Double pink with habits similar to Bristol Fairy.
- Reopens Rosy Veil** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
"Dwarf" double pink, 2 feet high. Longer season of bloom, starts 2 weeks earlier.

HEMEROCALLIS (Day Lilies)

These are of easiest culture; they multiply freely; are permanent and practically free of insects. Study planting dates of varieties listed and order so that you have day lilies blooming from June to September. The hybridizers have gotten to work on the old-fashioned species and now we have varieties from softest yellow to almost fiery red. Move them any time; they are the toughest plants we know about.

- August Pioneer** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Chrome-yellow. Tips of petals blended red. Blooms Aug.-Sept. Height: 34 inches.
- Bagdad** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Blend of copper-red and orange. Orange center. June-July. Height: 42 inches.
- Enchantress** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Soft yellow. Bleeds to pink in center. Aug.-Sept. Height: 36 inches.
- Golden Dawn** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Golden-orange. June-July. Height: 36 inches.



- Hyperion** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Very large canary-yellow flowers. Best of all yellow day lilies. July-August. Height: 48 inches.
- Imperator** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Golden-red lined with yellow. July-August. Height: 40 inches.
- Linda** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Amber-yellow with reddish lines. Petals ruffled. June-July. Height: 30 inches.
- Mikado** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Rich orange with mahogany blotch at base of petals. June-July. Height: 36 inches.
- Mrs. A. H. Austin** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Deep, large-flowered, golden-yellow. July-Aug. Height: 36 inches.
- Persian Princess** Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00
Dark velvety red. Trace of purple. July-Aug. Height: 40 inches.
- Rajah** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Dark, red-orange flowers. July. Height: 36 inches.
- Serenade** Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50
Pastel shadings of yellow and pink. June-July. Height: 36 inches.
- Special Hemerocallis Offer**
One each of these twelve select varieties,
an \$11.50 value \$8.50

HEUCHARA (Coral Bells)

They like a rich, moist, well-drained soil, but they'll grow in practically anything. Plant 6 inches apart in the border in clumps of 3, 5 or 7, or use as edging plant. Divide about every third year.

- Brizoides, Mary Rose (new)** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Spikes about 2 feet, carry clear pink flowers.
- Matin Bells** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Profuse coral-red flowers. Spikes 18 inches high. Blooms June-July.
- Perry's White** Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
White bells blending to cream on 18-inch spikes. Blooms June through September if kept cut back. Rock garden plant, too.
- Sanguinea** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Bright crimson flowers on 15-18 inch spikes.

LIATRIS (Blazing Star or Gayfeather)

Thrive in ordinary soils, in sun or shade, can be grown at water-side. Plant in groups of three at back of border. In our opinion Liatris has been neglected by gardeners. Excellent for cutting.

- Pynostachya** Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Bloom July-August. Rich purple flowers, blooming from top down, on spikes 4 feet high.
- Scariosa September Glory** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Purple flowers all come into bloom at same time (unlike Pynostachya) on 6-foot spikes.
- Scariosa White Spires** Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
White form of September Glory.

Salt Hay For Winter Cover

In cold climates a light covering of salt hay provides the perennial border with perfect protection. It should be put on after the ground has frozen hard (8-12 inches deep)—to keep the ground frozen, not to keep it from freezing. Any shallow-rooted plant needs this protection to keep its roots from being broken or its crown heaved by frost. Put on just enough to shade the ground; be careful not to smother plants. Salt Hay is free of weed seeds and will last two seasons.



IBERIS

(Perennial Candy-tuft)

Require nothing extraordinary in soils. Plant, fall or spring, 6 inches apart.

Little Gem Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00

Pure white flowers in May. True dwarf, flowers reach 6 inches in height, foliage about 3 inches. Perfect edging plant; excellent for rock gardens.

LAVANDULA

(Old-fashioned Lavender)

Needs a dry medium soil and full sun. Protect if planted in the fall. Plant has hoary green leaves, bears its lavender flowers upon spikes in July and August. Dry the flowers for sachets.

Vera Each \$1.25 (supply limited)

Shrubby 18-inch plants. These are all 3-year-old heavy plants, three times the size usually offered.

LUPINUS (Lupine)

Soil is not a problem. Lupine requires lots of moisture, full sun and protection from prevailing hot summer winds. Because they are difficult to move when field-grown we offer strongly rooted potted plants. They will mature the second year. Plant in bold groups.

Polyphyllus, albus Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

White sweetpea-like flowers on spikes 3-4 feet high. June-July.

Polyphyllus, blue Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Clear blue form of the above.

Polyphyllus, roseus Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Shaded rose-colored flowers.

Russell Hybrids

Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Rainbow shades of lavender, blue, pink and yellow. Mixed colors only.

PAEONIAS (Peonies)

There are hundreds of varieties of peonies. We have a very simple means of selecting them. First, we grow them; then, if we like them, if the stalk stands straight under the heaviest load of flowers, and if they are rated 9 points or better by the American Peony Society (10 is perfect and no peony has yet been rated at 10), we sell them. Also, we sell only 7-eye roots or better. These cost more than the so-called 3-5 eye roots generally offered, but you get flowers the first year—not 3 to 5 years later.

Peonies are of easy culture. They are great feeders, not finicky about soils. Plant (in the fall only) with the eyes 1½ inches below ground. When frozen in, mulch with hay or leaves. No mulching is necessary afterwards. All make delightful cut flowers: when cut in heavy bud they will open and keep a week in water. Never cut more than two-thirds of a bush. Then snip off any seed pods that develop on the remaining stems.

Once established, peonies bloom freely for 25 years or more. On this basis, our strong big roots are a wonderful investment. (Peony Society ratings follow the variety.)

Baroness Schroeder (9.00) 7 eyes Each \$3.00, Doz. \$24.00

Flesh white on sturdy stems. Fragrant. Blooms late.

Duluth (9.00) 7 eyes Each \$4.00, Doz. \$36.00

An outstanding late white. (Supply limited.)

Festiva Maxima (9.30) 7 eyes Each \$2.00, Doz. \$18.00

Large pure white with occasional flecks of crimson at base of petal. Vigorous and early. Very fragrant.

Le Cygne (9.42) 7 eyes Each \$6.00

Large ivory without markings. Very early and fully double. Fragrant. (Supply limited.)

Longfellow (9.00) 7 eyes Each \$4.00

Double midseason crimson. Does not fade. Color intensified by showing of golden stamens in center. (Supply limited.)

Martha Bullock (9.10) 7 eyes Each \$3.00, Doz. \$24.00

Very large flower of old rose pink. Late season. Fragrant.

Mon. Jules Elie (9.20) 7 eyes Each \$3.00

Quite tall free-flowering, light-rose pink.

Myrtle Gentry (9.06) 7 eyes Each \$4.00

Light pink blooms fading to white with age. This is the finest delicate pink. (Supply limited.)

Sarah Bernhardt (9.00) 7 eyes Each \$2.00, Doz. \$18.00

Strong-growing dark pink of medium height.

Solange (9.17) 7 eyes Each \$2.00, Doz. \$18.00

Creamy white with blends of buff and pale salmon pink. Petals dense. It is a late bloomer.

Therese (9.54) 7 eyes Each \$4.00, Doz. \$36.00

Dark pink of medium height.

Walter Faxon (9.30) 7 eyes Each \$3.00, Doz. \$24.00

Midseason light shell pink. Mildly fragrant.

Single Varieties

Albiflora, The Bride (not yet rated)

7 eyes Each \$3.00, Doz. \$24.00

Pure white with rounded stamens.

Helen (9.20) 7 eyes Each \$6.00

Early and most delicately shell pink. (Supply very limited.)

Imperial Red (9.05) 7 eyes Each \$4.00, Doz. \$36.00

Huge dark pink flowers.

Verdun (not yet rated) 7 eyes Each \$4.00, Doz. \$36.00

Very large rich crimson center accented by golden center stamens.



Japanese or Anemone-Flowered Peonies

Ama-no-sode (9.20) 7 eyes Each \$6.00

Very large flower with double row of rose pink petals. Long staminodes of golden yellow, stained red at tips. (Supply very limited.)

Charm (9.22) 7 eyes Each \$6.00

Late blooming dark red. (Supply very limited.)

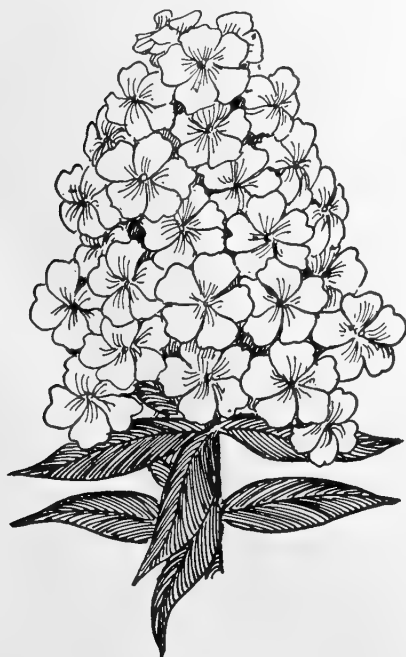
Kukeni-Jishi (9.09) 7 eyes Each \$10.00

Midseason flesh pink petals. Stamminodes form thick tuft of gold in center. (Supply limited.)

PAPAVER ORIENTALE

(Oriental Poppy)

These strong growing poppies, thanks to the hybridizer's science, diligence and luck, now come in an unusual and beautiful range of colors. They are of easiest culture, grow well in any soil but do best in a deep loam. Place crown 3 inches below surface; after frost mulch the first winter to prevent heaving; and after that do nothing.



Barrs' White Each \$1.10, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$7.50

Free-blooming pure white with purplish black spots at base of petals.

Beauty of Livermore Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00

Crimson with black center.

Crimson Pompom Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00

Double dark red of medium height.

Helen Elizabeth Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00

Pure pink, no dark spots. 30 inches high.

Mrs. Perry Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65

Apricot orange tinted with salmon.

Salmon Glow Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65

Double Salmon-orange.

Potted Oriental Poppies Each \$1.75

2-year roots available at the Farm in May and June.

PHLOX DECUSSATA

(Hardy Garden Phlox)

To grow phlox well be sure soil is well-drained, deep and heavily enriched. Keep in full sun. Water freely under the foliage. It likes its feet wet and its clothing dry. In wet weather dust with sulphur to prevent mildew. Don't plant too close to stone walls—they are damp. Set far enough apart to get good air circulation. Divide the roots every three or four years to keep plants vigorous and flowers large. Destroy all seedlings—they turn to ugly magenta colors and are so vigorous they crowd out named varieties.

Bright Eyes Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Brilliant red with darker center. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Charles Curtis Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Brilliant sunset red. Does not fade. 30 inches high.

Count Zeppelin Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Pure white with vermilion-red eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Lillian Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Delicate large pink flowers. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Mary Louise Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Startlingly white large flowers. Late season. 30 inches high.

Salmon Beauty Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Salmon-pink flowers with white eye. Mid-season. 30 inches high.

Starlight Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Violet with clear white center. Late season. 30 inches high.



Von Lassburg Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Good for the background of a border. White blooms in mid-season on trusses 36 inches high.

PHLOX SETACEA

Camla Each 95c, Three \$2.35, Doz. \$7.00

Pure pink with no trace of magenta. Grows about 8 inches high. It does not creep like other low growing phlox, the plant remains neat and tidy—an endearing quality.

PHLOX SUBULATA

(Mountain or Moss Pinks)

These useable plants have pleasant moss-like foliage and when in bloom are covered with vivid flowers. Most varieties multiply rapidly. Cover bare spots or use as edging or as individuals in the rock garden. They require full sun; soil, dry and sandy and not too rich. Our large pads of each variety can be divided into 8 to 10 plants. (Neighbors' gifts are apt to have magenta colored flowers.)

Alba Each \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Pure white.

Blue Hills Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Pale blue flowers. Good creeper.

Emerald Cushion Pink Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Bright pink on dark green foliage.

Emerald Cushion Blue Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75

Blue form of above.

Vivid Each 70c, Three \$1.70, Doz. \$5.50

Bright pink with darker pink eye.

POLEMONIUM (Jacob's Ladder)

A spreading plant, 6 to 8 inches high, with light blue flowers in April. Foliage is good in summer. Prefers light shade and average moisture. It makes excellent ground cover and is good in the rockery or at the edge of the border.

Reptans Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Light blue flowers in April and May. 6-8 inches high.

SPIRAEA (Astilbe)

A good hardworking plant for the border. It throws pleasant flowers in June and July, then bushes out with decorative foliage. It grows anywhere in full sun, in any soil. Use in groups of three in the foreground.

Avalanche Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Pure white flowers on 18-inch stems. Deeply cut dark-green foliage.

Fanal Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Brilliant carmen-red flowers. Foliage a dark reddish green. 18 inches high.

Rheinland Each \$1.10, Three \$2.90, Doz. \$8.75
Delicate pink spires.

THYMUS (Decorative Thyme)

(See Herbs for culinary variety.)

These are easily grown, form dense mats ideal for spaces between flagstones. Require full sun and that is about all. We sell large mats that can be divided into 10-15 plants. These are perfect, low growing covers for hot and dry places.

Serpyllum Album Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Dense mats of dark green foliage with small white flowers.

Serpyllum coceineum Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Extremely dense mats of fine green leaves. Covered with reddish-purple flowers in late June. We cut these off immediately because they attract bees by the hundreds to the terrace and we are allergic, to say the least, to everything about bees except honey. Coceineum (also called Scotch Thyme) is extremely hardy.

Citriodorous Each 75c, Three \$1.80, Doz. \$5.65
Also known as lemon thyme because of its distinct lemon fragrance. Citriodorous grows from 6 to 8 inches tall and is covered with small rosy blooms in June. Like all decorative Thymes it needs full sun. It makes a delightful dwarf border for an informal path. Needs light straw protection in winter to keep stems from drying out.

VERONICA (Speedwell)

A completely untemperamental plant. All you should remember is to cut back faded flowers to promote new bloom and growth.

Longifolia Subsessilis Each 80c, Three \$2.00, Doz. \$6.00
Blue-flowering from July to September. Height: 2 feet.

VIOLA CORNUTA

(Perennial Tufted Pansies)

Anyone using good soil and plenty of water can grow these heavy bloomers. Pinch them back if they get "leggy"—they bloom at once in spring, stay blooming in hottest August and bloom again until heaviest frost. We grow viola cornuta from cuttings only and each flower is guaranteed to be true to variety.

Arkwright Ruby Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Bright ruby crimson with dark centers.

Chantreyland Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Rich apricot-orange.

Jersey Gem Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Compact violet-blue.

Lutea Splendens Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Chrome yellow.

White Perfection Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.75
Large pure white.

KITCHEN GARDEN HERBS

All these are perennials; all are hardy; all are for eating except lavender. You don't need many plants—this is strong stuff and in cooking use sparingly. Remember, you are after a flavor, not a taste. There are many more herbs but these are the best ones for cooking. Plant them convenient to the kitchen in full sun. They are not fussy about soils—but in very cold climates give them a light covering of salt hay or straw. (Temperatures in Litchfield go to as low as minus 20 degrees. We have no trouble even when we forget to cover. Yes, we forget things like that, too.)

Lavender Large plants, each \$1.25
Always in old-fashioned kitchen gardens, though not for eating. Snip when blooms open in May-June, dry them, use them—that's all there is to handling lavender. To grow it you need no special soils and once established the shrubby plants last indefinitely with minimum care. Ours are large bushy 2-year-old plants. (Supply this year is limited.)

Chives Three \$1.30, Doz. \$3.50

The flower, small purple heads on 10-inch stems, appears in early June and is decorative. Use finely chopped leaves for flavoring salads or hors d'oeuvres. (We have a wonderful recipe for chive bread. See box, page 4.) Strong grower, reproduces itself each time it is cut back.

Costmary Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00
Use the whole leaf or chopped leaves to brighten mid-summer lettuce or vegetable salads.

Marjoram origarium vulgaris Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00
Use leaves sparingly to flavor soups and gravies. Dry leaves and young shoots for winter use. This is better by far than what is usually sold as marjoram.

Sage Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00
Dry leaves are used for flavoring meats, soups, stuffings, dressings.

Sweet Cicely Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00
A few chopped leaves added to salads and cold dishes also adds a delightful zest to the dish itself.

Tarragon Each 75c, Three \$2.15, Doz. \$7.50
This is a basic cooking material in France. Fresh leaves and stalks added to vinegar produces tarragon vinegar. Fresh leaves also are chopped finely and dropped into salads or used to garnish meat or fish. Dried leaves flavor soups and pickles. A kitchen without tarragon is almost in the same boat as a kitchen without salt or pepper.

Thyme (Common, or Thymus vulgaris) Three \$1.50, Doz. \$4.00
Fresh leaves are used in salads; dried leaves are important for meats, soups and gravies.

An Old-Fashioned Kitchen Garden

Three each of Chives, Costmary, Marjoram, Sage, Sweet Cicely, Tarragon, and Thyme. Plus one Lavender.

Twenty-two plants. A \$12.20 value, for . . . **\$10.00**



Flowering Shrubs and Trees

More and more gardeners are planting more and more flowering shrub borders. They are extremely valuable for screening, take a minimum of care and are a truly permanent planting. Careful selection will provide bloom throughout the summer. We urge the use of flowering shrubs for foundation planting instead of evergreens, most of which in a few years outgrow today's rambling, one story houses. If you insist upon evergreens for this purpose, spend the money for the few truly dwarf types.

Planting: Dig a hole (placing the topsoil on one side) 8 to 10 inches wider and deeper than you need to accommodate the roots. Place the plant. Put the topsoil in the bottom of the hole. When all the topsoil has been used, water thoroughly. Then finish with the subsoil and leave a dish of earth about 18 inches in diameter with a 6-inch rim. Fill with water—and fill at least once a week during the first summer. If you live nearby you might want *Easimove* shrubs—they've been grown in their own ample tarpaper pots. They have heavy root balls; won't know they have been moved.

ALTHEA

(Rose of Sharon)

These shrubs grow erect and stately and formally—informally they bloom their heads off from July to frost. Ultimate height is about 10 feet.

Balile de Feu Each \$1.50, Three \$3.50
Double bright-red and a heavy bloomer.

Celestial Blue Each \$1.50, Three \$3.50
This variety with single, disc-like blue flowers produces heavily.

Lucy Each \$1.50, Three \$3.50
A double rose-red flower.

W. R. Smith Each \$1.50, Three \$3.50
Large disc-like white flowers that open flat. It is the only showy white variety.

AZALEA (The Hardy Mollis)

Azalea Mollis is a plant of gorgeous variety and beauty; it is very hardy; and, contrary to popular belief, it does not require an acid soil. All Azalea Mollis wants is a respectable soil, an occasional top dressing of well rotted cow manure (or dried cow dung); it does not require an



inordinate amount of water. Mollis does well in shade but prefers full sun. Do not cultivate deeply as the fine root mass is very close to the surface.

To get blooms in profusion year after year pick off the pods before seeds mature. If planted where temperatures go below 10 degrees minus, tops should be covered to prevent buds from blasting. We are sorry, but we are behind on deliveries with some of the named varieties. We suggest, though, that you order now for future delivery. (Shipping plants are 15 to 18 inches high.)

Chevalier de Realè Each \$2.75, Three \$7.75, Doz. \$27.50
Large flowers of pale lemon-yellow.

Comte de Gomer Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50, Doz. \$32.00
A soft red shading to shrimp pink.

Directeur Moerlands Each \$2.75, Three \$7.75, Doz. \$27.50
Soft pale yellow shading somewhat to apricot-yellow.

Dr. M. Oosthoek Each \$2.75, Three \$7.75, Doz. \$27.50
Brilliant fiery azalea-pink with a soft almost burnt-orange glow.

Koster's Brilliant Red Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50, Doz. \$32.00
As named, a brilliant, vermillion-red.

Mixed Varieties Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00
These run the gamut of Azalea shades—amber, salmon-

orange, copper, gold, yellow, flame-red, etc. Ultimate height runs from 3 to 6 feet. Shipping stock is three years old; it has flower buds and some will bloom a bit the first season.

CARYOPTERIS

(Hardy Blue Spires)

This is a low-growing shrub which blooms after most other flowering shrubs—from August until frost. It is covered with clusters of powdery-blue, fringed flowers. The plant is a nice rounded mound upon maturity—from 18-24 inches tall and about 2 feet in diameter. Foliage is lanceolated and silvery green. In very cold climates Caryopteris tops kill back to the roots. This doesn't hurt the plant at all—the new growth is luxuriant and it blooms heavily. We offer the variety Blue Mist.

Strongly rooted plants Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

CLETHRA ANIFOLIA

(Sweet Pepperbush)

A slow growing shrub reaching a height of not over 10 feet upon maturity. The leaves are two-toned green and quite lovely; they turn to bright clear yellow in autumn. It does best in low, wet places (or in moist uplands) and because it grows well in half shade it is an excellent shrub for naturalizing.

18 to 24 inch plants \$1.25

COTONEASTER

(The Queen of Shrubs)

Let it be said that it is one Queen of Shrubs and perhaps the Chinese were somewhat over-enthusiastic in calling it The Queen. It is outstanding, however, for the rich colors of its autumnal foliage and for the conspicuous clusters of berries ranging in color from brilliant orange-scarlet through varying shades of red to black. They are preceded by a profusion of pinky-white flowers wreathing the small branches. Because they thrive in shade or sun, in damp or dry soils, they are extremely useable.

Apiculata Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

This so-called Cranberry Cotoneaster is a dwarf reaching about 4 feet in height. Its arching branches are weighed down with bright crimson fruits in the fall and its foliage is shiny green throughout the year. Hardy.

Divaricata Each \$2.00, Three \$4.75

Grows from 5 to 6 feet high and has a graceful spreading habit. It has small polished green leaves and thousands of red egg-shaped berries. In the Fall the leaves turn brilliantly.

CYDONIA (Flowering Quince)

This is one of the earliest blooming shrubs. Quince stand alone as specimen shrubs or, trimmed, they make excellent hedges. Ultimate height reaches 6 feet. The first two varieties offered are hybrids. Stock is extremely limited on these two.

Charming Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75, Doz. \$35.00

Large, soft shell-pink flowers deepening in color at the tips of the petals. It's an orderly plant reaching a height of 6 feet at maturity. Shipping plants are about 2 feet and will show some bloom the first season.

Knaphill Scarlet Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00, Doz. \$40.00

This is an English origination, a dwarf — eight-year-old specimens are not more than 18 inches high and about that measurement in width. In early spring Knaphill Scarlet is a small mound of big vermilion-red flowers. It's perfect for foreground planting and low hedges.

Nivalis Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

This is the best pure white quince.

Stanford Red Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50, Doz. \$32.00

The buds open Geranium-red and deepen to blood red. It is excellent for cutting and it is almost thornless. Ultimate height 6 feet. Shipping stock about 2½ feet high and most will blossom their first season.

Spitfire (Patent #830) Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50, Doz. \$32.00

This excellent plant grows upright to 6 or 7 feet but it can be held down to 4 or 5 feet by clipping twice a year—no side pruning is necessary. Flowers are large and of deep crimson-red. Shipping stock is nearly 3 feet high and most will bloom the first season. Note that “most”—it's hard the first season to depend upon a shrub called Spitfire.

Japonica Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

This is the old favorite. It is covered with masses of coral-red flowers and recommended because it is cheap for screening or hedging.

DAPHNE CNEORUM

Cneorum is also known as The Garland Flower because of the profusion of delicately-scented, rose-pink flowers it produces. It is a low, spreading shrub which hardly ever reaches more than 12 inches in height. A splendid edging plant—like all Daphnes, it prefers full sun and a well-drained soil. They will not grow in poorly drained locations. Water sparingly in summer; and in winter, if protected from the coldest weather (say 20 degrees below), the cool green leaves will remain evergreen.

Heavily budded plants, 9-12 inches tall:

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00



DAPHNE SOMERSET

(Plant Patent #315)

This is a relatively recent English origination—hardy practically anywhere and does well in light shade. Its blooms, a blush pink, come in May and early June in clusters 6-8 inches long that are wonderfully fragrant. If left unclipped it grows to a height of 5 feet and will reach a width of about 4 feet. The leaves, resembling those of Boxwood, are evergreen except where temperatures are extreme. It grows best when transplanted while young and we offer potted plants which usually will bloom the first year. Much larger Daphne Somerset plants growing in big tarpaper pots can be obtained at the Sales Center.

Young potted plants: Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

DEUTZIA

All Deutzias are showy flowering shrubs having extremely bushy habits of growth. In May their heavy foliage almost completely disappears under a blanket of small, frilled, bell-like flowers.

Gracilis Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

This variety seldom reaches a height of 3 feet and is excellent as a low hedge. It is covered in May with flowers of purest white and it tolerates light shade.

Crenata Suspensa Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

A new hybrid producing larger, single, snow white flowers. It grows to 4 feet and makes excellent mid-ground material for the shrub border.

EUONYMUS

This is the most versatile and easiest grown of shrubs. It has uses everywhere.

Radicans vegetus Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Trimmed, it can be grown as a shrub or hedge; left uncut and planted around the base of old trees, it will climb 30 feet or more, densely covering the trunk. As a wall cover it is in a class with ivy. You can't eat it but that's about all you can't do with it. It is evergreen and absolutely hardy. 15 to 18 inch plants.

Alatus compactus Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00, Doz. \$25.00

A dwarf (ultimate height 6 feet) with unbelievable brilliance of foliage in the autumn. It requires nothing special in soils, does well in shade, is of compact growth—all the requirements for the ideal hedge. As specimen plants in the lawn or shrub border (or in foundation plantings) they have no equal.

FORSYTHIA

This is the Bush that grew in Brooklyn—the common varieties are everywhere and although they are quite beautiful, Spring Glory is so much more beautiful that we urge you to get it instead of accepting a chunk of root from a common variety from an obliging neighbor. Spring Glory produces twice as many flowers as common Forsythia. Also, the blossoms are larger and of a pale yellow that is more pleasing than the usual citrons. Like ordinary Forsythia, branches cut and brought indoors during January and February burst into bloom a few days later.

2 to 3 feet: Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

3 to 4 feet: Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

HAWTHORNS

(*Crataegus Oxyacantha*)

The English Hawthorn is a completely hardy flowering shrub or small tree with spreading branches and stout spines. Left unclipped it will grow to about 15 feet and is ideal for the small lawn where a Maple would be too big and throw too much shade. Large clusters of flowers are produced in tremendous quantities in the spring and are followed by scarlet fruits.

Autumn Glory Each \$4.50, Three \$12.50

Big clusters of white blooms followed by berries of brilliant red which stay well into the winter.

Paul's Scarlet English Hawthorn Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

A brilliant rosy-red, double-flowering variety.

KALMIA (Laurel)

As you know, Mountain Laurel is Connecticut's State flower; it grows wild here and in profusion. Most plants offered for sale are snatched out of the woods and few of them are well formed. We grow them from tiny seedlings, well-spaced, to get their natural and beautiful spreading heads. We also propagate from seeds taken from natural and unusually beautiful hybrids in the woods. Our supply of saleable plants is very limited and at this time we are behind in filling orders. However, we suggest that you place your order now for future delivery—you will be given priority.

15 to 18 inches, \$2.75 each 18 to 24 inches, \$3.50 each

KOLKWTZIA AMABILIS

(Beauty Bush)

A favorite of pink bell-shaped flowers in June. It tolerates poor or dry sandy soil and is of easiest culture. The foliage is heavy and covers the plant to the ground. Height, 8 feet.

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Six \$11.00

LILACS (The French Hybrids)

If you like the old-fashioned lilacs (and who doesn't) you'll certainly want these lovely things. The hybridizers have been working with them, particularly the great French horticulturist Lemoine, and Lilacs are now works of art. The trusses are huge and many varieties make excellent cut flowers. All of these new Lilacs come into bloom at a much younger age than the old ones. If your planting space is large enough you'll want one each of these.

Ambassadeur Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Broad spikes of very large single flowers of azure-lilac lightened by a conspicuous white center.

Charles Joly Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large double flower of violet color shading almost to red.

Hugo Koster Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double large flowers of mauve.

Macrostachia Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Huge single flowers, truly pink.

Marie Finon Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Trusses covered with immense double flowers of purest alabaster white.



Michel Buchner Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Double flowers of purest lilac color.

Mme. Buchner Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Large rich double pink flowers.

President Falliers Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

The flowers are double and like all these hybrids of tremendous size. The color is pink shading to lilac.

Waldeck Rosseau Each \$3.50, Three \$9.75

Another double pink, this of most delicate tone.

LONICERA

(Honeysuckle Bush)

Tatarica Alba Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

An upright but spreading shrub bearing white flowers in late May and June. Fragrant. An excellent shrub for screening as it reaches 10 feet.

Tatarica Rubra Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Similar to above with pale pink flowers.

MALUS (Flowering Crabs)

Among the small flowering trees, the Crabs are by far the most sensational group—they stand alone in profusion of bloom, only the ornamental cherries are close to them. None equals them in hardiness or in ability to bloom in exposures that blast the buds of more delicate flowering trees.

With the exception of Bechtel's Crab, which at maturity is a 15 to 20 foot double-flowered beauty, we list only the dwarf varieties. Even the smallest yard can support one—fence lines on farms or estates planted with crabs on 25 foot centers become tree lines of rare beauty in a few years. (All stock for shipment is three years old and trees generally bloom a year after planting. Older trees, balled and burlapped, are priced according to size but can be obtained only at The Farm.)

Arnoldiana Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

This variety originates at the famed Arnold Arboretum in Boston. The semi-double flowers are pink, turning to white in the sun. In the Fall the tree is covered with pendulous clusters of waxy yellow fruit about the size of a cherry. It is compact and seldom grows more than 10-12 feet high.

Crimson Brilliant Each \$7.00

A most brilliant red flowering crab. It becomes more and more floriferous as it grows older; is of extreme hardiness and can be grown anywhere. Upon maturity it reaches about 15 feet, about the limit for small gardens. It is a new variety and the supply is very limited. Only the earliest orders can be filled. (Plant Patent #939.)

Floribunda Hilleri Each \$5.00

This new English origination replaces older Floribunda. The flowers, nearly an inch in diameter, are semi-double and of crimson color in the bud. They open to bright pink and cover the tree with heavy clusters of bloom. It's a late bloomer. Ultimate height is from 10-12 feet.

loensis plena (Bechtel's Crab) Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50

A fully-double crab which was discovered about 1850 in the Mississippi River Valley and brought into cultivation by a man named Bechtel. Its fine round head is covered with pale pink blossoms about 2 inches in diameter, each double and exactly like small roses, each with a delicate violet scent.

Kaido or Fragrant Crab Each \$5.00

When fully grown Kaido is upright, almost pyramid in form. It is not much more than 4 feet wide and matures at 8-10 feet. In the bud it is rose pink and blooms open to rich clear pink. Blooms are deliciously fragrant.

Pink Weeper Crab Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50

A splendid specimen plant for the lawn which grows from 12-15 feet high. The weeping branches, covered with crimson-purple blossoms, droop to the ground. Shipping plants 4 to 5 feet.

PHILADELPHUS (Mockorange)

Atlas (Giant Mockorange) Each \$2.50, Three \$7.50

It is the flowers that are giants, not the plants, although they will attain a considerable size if not pruned. The huge blossoms (3 inches across) are as large as Dogwood blooms and they make excellent cut flowers—so you will prune. Philadelphus is hardy, requiring no special culture.

Enchantment (Double) Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50

Its branches are erect and on maturity the bush rarely grows over 6 feet. The flowers, set very closely, are double and sweetly fragrant. It will grow well in light shade.

Innocence Each \$2.50, Three \$7.00

An alabaster-white mockorange producing heavily. Flowers are delicately fragrant. Height at maturity is about 6 feet.

SPIRAEA

A fine group of shrubs that are sun-loving but able to withstand almost any abuse in location and soil condition.

Japonica Coccinea Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50

This replaces the older variety Anthony Waterer. Its flowers are crimson-red. It blooms in July, normally a bare month for blooms in shrubbery. The color does not fade in the sun and if old flowers are cut off it will continue to bloom all summer. Coccinea reaches 3 feet in height.

Vanhouttei (Bridalwreath) Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

An arching shrub growing about 5 to 6 feet. The slender branches are covered with panicles of white flowers in late May and early June. It is not new but it is a favorite.

WEIGELA

Lovely shrubs flowering in May, June and July. Their Foxglove-like flowers are borne in profusion. Most Weigela like a moist soil and should stand without competition from the shade or roots of large trees.

Eva Ratke Each \$1.50, Three \$4.00, Doz. \$15.00

Crimson flowers. This plant flowers heavily in June and intermittently until frost. Requires a well-drained soil and grows to about 8 feet; shipping plants about 3 feet.

MAGNOLIA

Soulangeana Each \$4.50, Three \$12.50

The rather rare Pink Magnolia of city gardens. It is a small tree, perfectly hardy, that produces shining green foliage after it is covered with enormous pinkish-white, slightly fragrant flowers in early spring. It is the showiest and best of the family for northern gardens and even one plant will dominate a garden or a city block when it becomes sizeable. Our stock is 2-3 feet high.

ROSA MULTIFLORA

(The Living Fence)

This fencing material is primarily for farmers or for estate owners who have need for permanent fences. Plant it 1 foot apart and in three years cattle or sheep cannot get through it. Plant on 6-inch centers and not a hog can pass. It grows 8 feet high, spreads 8 feet. Roots, however, do not spread. For its purpose, permanent fencing, it is perfect. (For full details ask for our special folder.) We no longer offer bare-root, seedling stock—too many people have difficulty with it. We sell only heavily-rooted, potted cuttings from selected stock.

25, \$5.00; 50, \$9.00; 100, \$16.50; 500, \$75.00

(Note: We are sold out for fall, 1951; order now for spring.)

BUDDLEIAS (Butterfly Shrubs)

An eminently satisfactory shrub that makes a quick growth and blooms the first year. Buddleias do not show signs of growth until late spring or until the weather has become quite warm—so don't worry if they don't leaf out quickly. It is true that butterflies are attracted to them. These are the newest varieties.

Fortune Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

Neat habit of growth—about 5 feet high, 4 feet across. Foliage is a dark, leathery green. Flower spikes are 12-18 inches long and rounded. Color is lilac with a brilliant orange eye in each tiny flower. Blooms from mid-summer to frost. Excellent cut flower.

Flaming Violet (Pat. #519) Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

A violet color of great intensity. Blooms until frost and keeps a long time when cut.

Fascinating Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

Here the color is a soft pink with a touch of gold in the eyes. Keeps in water and the more it is cut the more it grows.

Peace (Pat. #705) Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

A pure white. It's new. A favorite of ours.

Purple Prince (Pat. #706) Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

A sparkling, imperial purple with a golden eye.

White Profusion (Pat. #786) Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75

A dwarf. Makes a stunning green mound (diameter: 3 feet) studded with shortish white spikes. Fits perfectly in the perennial border or is useful as a specimen anywhere.

AZALEA PONTICA

(Hardy Ghent Azaleas)

These are even harder than Azalea Mollis (see Page 15) but their blooming time, soil requirements and general



habit of growth are the same. Their special merit, besides extreme hardiness, is the unusual range of colors in the group. While the flowers are not as large as Mollis, they have equal brilliance and to many fanciers their variations of tint are more spectacular. Plants offered are 12 to 15 inches high with flowering buds.

Bouquet de Flore Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Brilliant clusters of deep pink.

Daviesi Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

Almost white with traces of pink.

Nancy Waterer Each \$3.00, Three \$7.75

Clusters of golden yellow.

Sang de Gentbrugge Each \$4.00, Three \$11.00

The most vivid and brilliant red you ever saw.

FLOWERING ALMOND

Glandulosa Alba Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75

Small, very double white rosettes of flowers in great profusion in late April and early May. Ultimate height: 4 to 5 feet.

Glandulosa Rosea

Very double, rose-colored form of the above.

HYPERICUM

There are several varieties of this fine low-growing shrub that flowers brilliantly from early summer until stopped by frost. They make excellent specimen plantings in the

perennial border or in the foreground of shrub plantings. We list only "Sungold"—it just happens to be the best *Hypericum* and we've forgotten about the others.

"Sungold" (Patent #518)

Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

Hardy, shapely and a true dwarf. It is almost perfectly oval, grows 2½ to 3 feet in diameter, holds its height to about 24 inches. Its dense foliage is a fine green all summer. Blooms are cymes of golden flowers at the end of each shoot of the summer's new growth. They are produced in tremendous quantities all summer.

HYBRID RHODODENDRONS

These hybrids do not require shade, they do just as well in full sun. They do, however, require an acid soil—load it heavily with peat moss and leaf mold. When ordering these named hybrids, please specify color wanted—they come in shades of deep rose-pink, soft rosy lilac, crimson, white, lavender, bright red. Plant them in banks and either mix colors or keep three of a shade together.

Named Hybrids, 12-15 inches \$4.00

VIBURNUM

One of the most fragrant and beautiful shrubs. After flowering in the spring they make heavy mounds of dark green clear to the ground and in the fall they turn brilliantly.

Burkwoodi Each \$5.00, Three \$14.50

This new English hybrid is a most amenable plant—it thrives in sun or shady places. It is also low-growing (6 feet upon maturity) and ideal for today's smaller establishments. Flowers are produced in early spring when leaf buds are unfolding and form round, domed clusters which are fragrant enough to perfume a neighborhood. Foliage is shiny dark green in summer; turns brilliant in autumn. Shipping-size plants 2 to 3 feet. Larger specimens in "Easimove" pots available at the Sales Center.

Carlesi Each \$4.50, Three \$12.00

Flower domes are, of course, as fragrant as Burkwoodi although slightly smaller. It, too, is very hardy and easily grown. Carlesi reaches 10 feet upon maturity and when planted close on a line makes a sensational screen or big hedge.

POTENTILLA FRUITICOSA

(Gold Drop)

We call this a mighty fine small shrub. It has compact growth, a slightly irregular mound-like shape about 2 to 2½ feet upon maturity. It is densely covered with small



fernlike leaves and it blooms vigorously from early June to late October. The buttercup-like flowers are intensely golden yellow and literally stud the plant. It does best in full sun and is hardy below zero. It is a consistent and persistent flowerer and if spaced 12 inches apart it makes the most delightful low, flowering hedge you can imagine.

Heavy-rooted Plants Each \$2.00, Three \$5.75, Doz. \$20.00

SALIX (Willow)

French Pussy Willow Each \$1.00, Three \$2.75, Doz. \$8.50

Not the unreliable wild Pussy Willow but a fine French cultivated variety. You see branches of these selling in florist shops for \$5.00 a dozen during the later winter months. So grow them yourself. Cut the ends of branches in January or February and place in water indoors. The large, silver-pink catkins (1 to 2 inches long) will start unfolding shortly and will last in a cool room for two weeks. When planting cut the branches back to 6 inches to promote long, vigorous new canes. Keep pruning heavily each spring (after catkins have formed) or Salix will grow to 10 feet.

ILEX (Holly)

There is only one hardy Holly, Convexa, and it is as hardy as an oak. It is a choice evergreen with shiny boxwood-like leaves so thick the branches don't show. (It does not have the conventional Christmas Holly leaf or red-berries—that Holly is not hardy.) Convexa is a very bushy plant—it grows 4 feet high and about 3 feet

across. It can't be beat as an accent plant and it is ideal for small evergreen hedges. Each plant is shipped with a small ball of earth.

12 to 15 inches Convexa Each \$3.00, Three \$8.50

PEAT MOSS AND SALT HAY

Unless you live within 50 miles of The Farm you'll do better price-wise buying this bulky material locally. Both, however, are invaluable to good garden practice and if you can't get imported peat or salt hay in your neighborhood maybe you had better go to the expense of having us ship it by express.

Imported Peat, standard bale.....Each \$4.50

Salt Hay, 70 to 80 lb. bales.....Each \$2.75, Three \$7.75, Ton \$75.00 (Available in October.)

FERTILIZERS

A spring item. We carry only the inorganics but this does not mean we are against the chemical fertilizers. Both have their place. We don't list the chemicals because they can be bought cheaper locally. Inorganics, on the other hand, are harder to get, and we offer the material we use on The Farm in 100 lb. quantities only. It is a slow-acting product, ideal for use on all flowering plant materials.

Per 100 lbs. \$9.00; 500 lbs. \$35.00; Ton \$125.00
(F. O. B. White Flower Farm)

SPECIAL GRASS SEED

This mixture is composed mostly of the Fescue race—tough, hardy, creeping, shade-resisting grasses. They withstand drought better than most grasses, are not attacked, like some, by fungus diseases. The mixture is available only in the spring and as we stock small quantities it would be best for you to place your order now for spring delivery. As we sell out by June 1st it would be a good idea to order enough for your annual late August seeding. Use this mixture sparingly but consistently—see Page 20, "Your Lawn". It is expensive stuff and unless you are after a fine turf you'll do better with hardware store mixtures.

5 lbs. \$13.75, 10 lbs. \$22.50, 25 lbs. \$49.50

SUET SKEWER FOR BIRDS

An aluminum skewer pushed through a chunk of suet makes a handy, cheap suet feeder for birds. Perch and other kitchen comforts are provided.

Each \$1.00, Six \$5.00

GARDEN GADGETS

Forks, hoes, rakes, spades or what common garden tools you need—we don't have them. Buy them from your favorite hardware dealer; he has as good as we can get. Over the years we have found few special-purpose garden tools that lived up to their promotions. Here are the ones we recommend.

Dutch Hook Each \$2.75

This is the small, forged, sharp weeder the Dutch use for hooking weeds out of daffodil and tulip rows. We use it for all kinds of close weeding. It has an 18-inch handle—you have to stoop.

Stainless Steel Trowel Each \$4.50

Imported from England and a permanent tool. It is forged, will not rust and the handle stays on. If you don't want to spend that much on a trowel for yourself (and it is expensive) it would make an excellent gift—or Garden Club prize.

Stainless Steel Hand Fork Each \$2.50

Companion to the above.

Krasco Hand Grass Seeder Each \$4.95

A small hand tool working on the principle (centrifugal) of big farm tractor seeders. It will spread Bent and Bluegrass evenly and at the same time—something no \$15 hand-pushed seeder will do. Also, it is the only seeder that will distribute our Special Lawn Grass Seed, mostly a mixture of Fescues. Good grass seed costs a lot of money and this dingus will save its cost on the first 10 pounds of seed put through it. (We use it for seeding an acre and a half of lawn.)

Ensign Rifle Each 95c

A rifle, you will find in Webster's, is also a stick covered with emery. Such a stick is a blade sharpener and this product is the best sharpener for a scythe or sickle or knife we know about. It is light, easy to use, long-lasting. It's been made in a tiny factory within four miles of The Farm since 1800.

Lawnmowers

We don't carry them but we've had lots of experience. The most satisfactory power mowers we have bought are the Locke and the Toro Professional. Both are in use on The Farm. Our next purchase in this field will be the Toro self-propelled Whirlwind; this rotary mower will cut down and practically pulverize brush. Buy from your local dealer but pick one who runs a service depot, too.

Garden Hose

Hose takes a terrible beating around here and right now the plastic hose made by Goodrich is doing the best job. It's light, retains high flexibility in cold weather, and connection breaks have been nil. (Six months' use here would probably equal six years around a garden.)



Stanley Lawn Trimmer

This remarkable electric tool saved its cost (\$69.50 now) the first summer. It trims grass evenly and quickly. Four hours, we found, equals three days of hand edging and at \$1.00 plus an hour for labor that is quite a saving. Buy it from your local dealer. Be sure, though, it's a Stanley and not a substitute.

YOUR LAWN

Don't think that all there is to a nice lawn is fine-grading the site, planting the grass, watering it and mowing it. Maintaining a good lawn requires care and money—lots of both—and if you haven't the time and don't want to spend the money, the best advice you can take is to just cut the natural grass (and weeds) you can't keep from coming up, anyway.

On the other hand, if you are after a deep velvety turf follow these directions.

New Lawns

Be sure you have six inches of topsoil; topsoil rich in humus (old manure dug in). Don't fool around testing it for acidity—put on 25 pounds of lime per 1000 square feet. (Too much lime will give you too much clover.) Rake in the lime, and water the area. Don't be in a hurry about seeding—you want the freshly dug soil to settle. Then put on 50 pounds of 0-10-10 commercial fertilizer. (This means you have no nitrogen, except that already in the soil, but you do have plenty of phosphorus

and potash for root and body strength.) Rake it finely and water the area some more.

After you can't stand the look of the barren ground any longer rake it lightly. Then seed. Put the seed on so thickly that the formerly barren ground looks as if it had been heavily salt-and-peppered—like a lamb chop. Then, and this is important, drag it. Drag it lightly about three times, round and round and up and down. This will cover 80 percent of the seed to the proper depth—the rest will be too deep or on the surface but you can't do anything about it. Then roll it. (Don't worry about foot marks or indentations; they can be filled in later.) And keep it damp. Cut it when grass is about 3 inches high and set your mower as high as it will go. (The seed to use? If you don't buy ours, buy what is sold as "Shady Lawn" seed. These mixtures contain better grasses than run-of-mill or so-called sunny-location grass mixtures.)

At this point all you have is a very young lawn. It should be cut three times a week and your mower should never be set lower than 1½-2 inches—the latter is better. Do not pick up the cut grass. You'll get some crab grass the first July but don't worry about it. After the fall rains start, sprinkle the grass with about 5 pounds of seed per 1000 square feet. Then take a bamboo lawn broom and rake the whole area hard. Roll, and if the rains fall, keep wet. This will give you thousands of vigorous, small seedling grasses.

Early the next spring use 25 pounds of Milorganite to 1000 square feet. (Use a "potato" fertilizer if you can't get Milorganite or some other organic material.) By early we mean just after frost or before the grass gets green. Then use three pounds of seed per 1000 square feet, broom and roll as above. The next August follow the same procedure and ditto every spring and August thereafter.

Quite a job, isn't it? But your reward is a deep, velvety lawn and we thought that was what you were after.

About Old Lawns

An old lawn can be refurbished without digging it up. The trick here is to seed, broom and roll spring and August year after year. (Fertilize each spring and seed spring and fall.) If broad-leaved plants like dandelion and plantain are present dig them out or kill with 2-4D.

Notes on Crabgrass

Crabgrass is no problem on a well-kept lawn. Heavy, benign grasses give Crab no room to get started—an annual, it does not germinate until late June or July. It is shallow-rooted and simply cannot get started in a thick lawn. In our opinion Crabgrass killers (some do actually kill it) are a waste of time and money—they cannot substitute for properly kept grass and cost more than a good lawn in the long run.

And Visit White Flower Farm

You are always welcome to come and look around and there is usually someone free to talk about gardening problems. On Route 63, 3½ miles south of Litchfield Village.

IMPORTANT

Unless you specify otherwise we urge you to permit careful substitution in all kinds of plant

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Tel.: Litchfield 734

Date: _____

Parcel Post. Prepaid Parcel Post charges will be billed later.

Ship to:

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In case of damaged shipments notify your express agent and us immediately. We will reshipe at once and help collect the express claim. All other claims should reach us within thirty days. Our replacement policy is liberal but we cannot be responsible for damage beyond our control.

If a charge, your signature here, please _____

If you have a gardening friend ---

A serious gardener is always pleased to know about new sources. We will be delighted to send our most recent catalogue (without charge, of course) to any friend of yours who, in your opinion, would be interested. As White Flower Farm customers are serious and consistent gardeners we know your nominations will be good for us and we will try hard to make it equally good for your friends.

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CONDITIONS OF SALE (Please Read Before Ordering)

By Mail Order

1. Plants are sold only as quoted. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis.
2. Remittances must accompany order unless an account has previously been set up. Please use checks, money orders or bank drafts—never cash. If you live in Connecticut the 2% sales tax must be added.
3. Transportation charges are not included in the purchase price. Small parcels will be sent Parcel Post prepaid and we will bill the postage to you at a later date. Most parcels (White Flower Farm's plants and shrubs are generally larger than material usually offered by catalogue) are sent express collect.
4. Due to high labor and packaging costs a service charge of 35 cents must be added to all orders under \$5.00.
5. We ship all plants, roses, shrubs and bulbs at a time when they are best planted in your locality. Because some plants can only be transplanted at specified times two or three shipments may be required to fill your order.
6. The replacement policy of White Flower Farm is liberal. The majority of our customers are advanced gardeners who know how to take care of flowering material and as a consequence we have very little replacing to do. However, if a shipment reaches you damaged or in bad condition (the date it leaves The Farm is plainly marked on each package) please let us know at once. It will be replaced immediately. All other complaints or problems should be brought to our attention within 30 days, if possible.
7. When reporting errors in orders (and we make some), please give DATE of ORDER and ORDER NUMBER. Helps us find it faster. And please include your name and address—there are a surprising number of people who forget this.
8. We reserve the right to reject orders for field-grown bare root material if, in our opinion, the distance or delivery time is so long

that this premium stock might suffer deterioration in transit. Parcel post and express service are about half as good as they were pre-war and this sharply restricts shipment of field-grown stock like Delphinium, Columbine, Lilacs, etc. Potted plants (like Chrysanthemums) are not a problem and generally can be shipped safely anywhere.

9. We urge you to permit us to substitute if material is sold out and cannot be back-ordered for planting the next season. We will send you the nearest variety to the ordered material, taking particular care that color and season of bloom are the same and that habits of growth are similar. Substitutions cause no particular difficulty in bulbs or flowering plants. We will not substitute in the flowering shrub and small tree category but will back-order the material or refund your money.

At the Sales Center

1. Material that must be dug for you in the gardens is sold only as quoted herein. If a per each price is not quoted, no offering of the material is made on that basis. All other plants, shrubs, roses, and bulbs are sold as marked in The Sales Center.
2. We dig for orders only on Monday and Friday. These orders are ready for delivery Tuesday and Saturday. This is a necessary and inflexible rule (applying to both retail and wholesale accounts) during the busy spring and fall seasons. The planting of next year's crops must go on without interruption.
3. Orders requiring digging must be paid for in advance.
4. No replacements can be made on "Easimove" plants unless we are notified within two weeks. They are healthy, vigorous material when purchased from The Sales Center and failures with them are rarely traced to the plant.
5. No replacements can be made on cut flowers bought at The Sales Center. They are guaranteed to be not over 24 hours old and have been specially conditioned for at least 12 hours in our refrigerator.

